

What is claimed is:

1. A mounting article for mounting a pollution control element within a pollution control device, said mounting article comprising a sheet material useful for mounting a pollution control element in a housing, said sheet material having major top and bottom surfaces, a thickness, a length and a width, and having at least one score-line in a surface of said sheet material.
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2. The mounting article of claim 1 wherein said score-line is disposed across the width of a surface of the sheet material.
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3. The mounting article of claim 1 wherein said score-line is disposed across the length of a surface of the sheet material.
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4. The mounting article of claim 2 wherein the score-line extends across the entire width of the sheet material.
5. The mounting article of claim 3 wherein the score-line extends across the entire length of the sheet material.
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6. The mounting article of claim 3 wherein said score-line has a length that is less than the length of the sheet material.
7. The mounting article of claim 2 wherein the score-line is perpendicular to the length of said sheet material.
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8. The mounting article of claim 3 wherein the score-line is perpendicular to the width of the sheet material.
9. The mounting article of claim 1 wherein said sheet material has at least two score-lines in a surface of the sheet material.
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10. The mounting article of claim 9 wherein the depth of the score-lines ranges from about 5 to about 90 percent of the thickness of the sheet material.

5 11. The mounting article of claims 1 or 9 wherein the sheet material is an intumescent sheet material.

10 12. A pollution control device comprising:
 a housing;
 a pollution control element disposed within the housing; and
 a mounting article disposed between the pollution control element and the housing, said mounting article comprising a sheet material useful for mounting a pollution control element having major top and bottom surfaces, a thickness, a length and a width, said sheet material having at least one score-line in
15 a surface of said sheet material.

13. The pollution control device of claim 12 wherein said sheet material has at least two score-lines in a surface of the sheet material.

20 14. The pollution control device of claim 13 wherein said score-lines extend across the entire width of the sheet material.

15. The pollution control device of claim 14 wherein said score-lines are perpendicular to the length of the sheet material.

25 16. The pollution control device of claim 15 wherein the depth of the score-lines ranges from about 5 to about 90 percent of the thickness of the sheet material.

30 17. The pollution control device of claim 12 wherein the score-line extends across the length of the sheet material.

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18. The pollution control device of claim 12 wherein said sheet material has said score-line in the top surface of the sheet material.

5 19. The pollution control device of claim 13 wherein the sheet material is intumescent.

10 20. The pollution control device of claim 13 wherein the sheet material is intumescent, the score-lines extend across the entire width of the top surface of the sheet material and perpendicular to the length of the sheet material and wherein the depth of the score-lines is about 50 percent of the thickness of the sheet material.

15 21. A method of making a mounting article for a pollution control element comprising the steps of:

providing an intumescent or a non-intumescent sheet material having dimensions suitable for use as a mounting for a pollution control element; and providing at least one score-line in a surface of said sheet material.

20 22. The method of claim 21 wherein at least two score-lines are provided in a surface of the sheet material.

25 23. The pollution control device of claim 12 wherein the monolith has a round shape and the sheet material has a plurality of score-lines in the top surface of the sheet material and the top surface of the sheet material faces the housing.

30 24. The pollution control device of claim 12 wherein the sheet material has at least one score-line in the bottom surface and the bottom surface faces the pollution control element.

25. The pollution control device of claim 24 wherein the bottom surface of the sheet material has a plurality of score-lines